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AMENDMENT AFTER SECOND ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 1990, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 32.

Please amend claims 28, 29, 31, 33 and 34 as follows:

28. (amended) A method for inserting a stent which comprises:

(a) engaging a stent, having a longitudinal length, around a balloon catheter;

(b) locating the catheter and stent within a passageway; and

(c) inelastically expanding the stent, while maintaining the longitudinal length of the stent, by inflating the balloon catheter within the stent to inelastically deform the stent until the stent engages the passageway.